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for Est of the state of the sta	cientists and researchers was held under the sponsorship of the Central or Research and Technology (Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik) (ZAF ast German State Planning Commission. The main speeches were delivered bricht and by Professor Dr. Werner Lange, Director of ZAFT. The theme beeches and of the subsequent discussions was the intensification of extween the fields of research and technology and the peoples of the meeting was under the chairmanship of Erwin Kerber, Deputy Director of the Planning Commission. Dr. Hans Ertel, ice resident of the East German Academy of Solution of the reason why research was not up to par in East Ceientists and researchers felt that there was no room for indicated in a planned economy. He declared that this was not the case, elentists must be made to understand that individual research is encouragement in East Germany. As examples of this encouragement he pointed ecently founded chemical, physical and geological associations (Gesells which were charged with the vital function of coordinating the work of the researcher with that of the practical worker. Ertel stated further or researcher could engage in projects which did not contribute to the act German production, there was plenty of room in the East German econd lamanner of individual projects. C. Johann Nelles, National Prize Holder and Director of the Buna Works,	Office T) of the by Walter of the operation astries. of the S cience, dermany was lividual that aged and to the chaften) he theoreti- that while livance of omy for
thest Escare control c	he role of the "technical intelligentsia" in peoples'-owned enterprises thated that the distribution of academically trained personnel was very ast German industry. While the chemical industry had a great number of much, he complained that the power industry had very few. He charged eason for this was that academically trained scientists and technicians own upon in this industry and stated that this attitude could well be one asons why this industry is in such a critical state. He also complained ersons with academic training were inadequately utilized in the peoples and development work in addition to performing their assigned.	the the were looked he of the duthat many owned articipating
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Nelles stated further that East German research and development was suffering by being cut off from foreign scientific literature. He praised the efforts of the Academy of Sciences, of the Chamber of Technology and of other East German organizations which were doing their best to open the doors to foreign developments. He expressed a desire that these efforts be continued, although he felt that it might be still more profitable if the efforts of the various bodies were centralized and centrally directed. In closing, Nelles stated that many academically trained factory directors were lost to research and development because they were with paper work and with such matters as the intro-(newer Methoden), the directing of contests to imduction of Seviet of production (Wettbewerbe), personnel problems of prove quality and quana more political nature (Kaderpolitik), etc. He stated that all of these mat ers were extremely important but suggested that factory directors with academic training be assigned technically qualified assistants or deputies who could take over some of this work load thus leaving the director some free time to devote his talents and experience to the work of research and development.

- 4. Dr. Schroeder (fnu), who introduced himself as a constructor of gear-cutting machines, stated that he spoke as representative of the tion. compleint, be exceed, was the renal set in this field. He then took Werner Lange s pion that developmental work on certain types of machines in this field be begun in one construction bureaus and Binished in another. He stated that such a plan culd absolutely not work. He demanded further that developmental and construction bureaus not be set up as integral parts of factories. This would subordinate research, he stated, to the particular interests of the individual factory. He demanded, however, that the bureaus be closely connected with the factories so that researchers could benefit from the practical experience of these units. Schroeder had a further complaint to make concerning the situation in the patent office and he demanded that more patent engineers be employed forthwith. He stated that in the field of machine and tool construction there were between 5,000 and 6,000 constructors and for this large group the e were only three patent engineers available. This situation led to an impossible bottlement, he sbated.
- 5. Schroeder closed his remarks with an earnest plea that the East German government reverse itself on its recent decision to limit drastically attendance at foreign industrial fairs, exhibits and conferences. He declared that he was strongly opposed to such a limitation, stating that if a colleague could be trusted there was no reason why he could not be allowed to attend a foreign affair having to do with his particular field of interest. This remark was greeted by applause from the participants of the meeting.

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